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Sir:

Pursuant to the communication from the Examiner mailed 28 November 1997, enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Declaration signed by Applicant and a Terminal Disclaimer regarding claim 23. Claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17-22 and 24-30 have been allowed. Claim 23 was held to be allowable if subjected to a terminal disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully urged that claim 23 is now in condition for allowance and allowance of the same is hereby respectfully requested. In the event there are any other matters that could be clarified by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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